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SUBJECT: LIKUD FACTIONAL PROBLEMS-TAMIR AND SHARON VISITS
TO US

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1. RE EMBASSY QUERY ABOUT VISITS TO WASHINGTON OF FREE
CENTER PARTY LEADER SHMUEL TAMIR AND LIBERAL PARTY FIGURE
ARIK SHARON: TAMIR CALLED ON BOTH SENIOR AND MIDDLE-LEVEL
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND TOOK RELATIVELY MODERATE LINE ON
ISSUES; SHARON SOUGHT NO APPOINTMENTS IN DEPARTMENT AND WE
GATHER HE STAYED AWAY FROM ISRAELI EMBASSY AS WELL. WE
ASSUME BOTH VISITORS MADE NUMEROUS CALLS ON HILL.

2. BOTH VISITORS TRAVELLED AROUND COUNTRY LECTURING AND
HOLDING PUBLIC APPEARANCES, BUT MADE NO SPLASH. TAMIR
IN DOING SO STAYED IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ISRAELI CONSULS.

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3. BURDEN OF TAMIR'S PRESENTATION IN DEPARTMENT WAS THAT

ISRAEL SHOULD OFFER MAXIMAL TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN
RETURN FOR MAXIMAL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN
NEIGHBORING STATES AND ISRAEL--E.G. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
AND FREE TRADE--AND SHOULD THEN NEGOTIATE DOWNWARDS. ALSO
OF INTEREST IS FACT THAT TAMIR AT PRIVATE DINNER IN WASH-
INGTON ATTENDED BY DEPT OFF DEFENDED USG PAST AND PRESENT
RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL IN FACE OF CRITICISMS BY
SOME INDIVIDUALS PRESENT. INGERSOLL

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